GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have in a bid to help the people living in drought hit areas, have decided to supply foodgrains to people above poverty line at BPL rates;

(b) if so, the States in which these areas have been identified till date; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains supplied proposed to be supplied in the drought hit areas, Statewise, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Government of India has decided that subsidised food gains will be allotted for distribution to the drought affected families belonging to both below and above the poverty line at BPL rates in drought affected districts in eight States viz., Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal @ 20 kg offoodgrains per family per month for a period of 3 months. The additional allocation at BPL rates will be in addition to the regular entitlement of foodgrains for BPL families under Target Public Distribution System (TPDS) in these areas. So far, special additional allocations have been made for a period of three months in favour of Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, as per details given below:-

(in tonnes)

S.No.	State	Total quantity alloted	
		Rice	Wheat
1.	Orissa	48,000	12,300
2.	Gujarat	81,765	2,45,292
3.	Rajasthan		3,70,665
4.	Maharashtra	1,64,456	3,28,912